

REMARKS

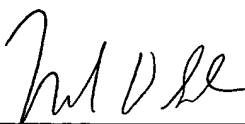
In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of three inventions: I. Claims 56-80 drawn to a surgical apparatus; II. Claims 81-85 drawn to a surgical biopsy apparatus; and III. Claims 86-87 drawn to a method of excising a tissue mass. The Examiner also required election of one of two species: I. Figures 1-5 and II. Figures 6-28.

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, namely claims 56-80. Applicants also elect Species I - Figures 6-28. Claims 81-87 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 56-80 read on the elected species.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should the Examiner believe it would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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